CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Mother Lula Mae O'Neal

NOVEMBER 12, 1919 - MARCH 19, 2018

RENDERED BY LITTLE FLOCK CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
REDWOOD CITY.CALIFORNIA
DR E.J. O'NEAL, PASTOR

ST JOHN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
E.PALO ALTO. CALIFORNIA

THE HOMEGOING CELEBRATION HONORING

Mother Lula Mae O'Neal

First Lady, Little Flock Church of God in Christ

March 29, 2018

Pastor Robert Collier
Celebration Officiant

Processional.....The Clergy, Pallbearers & Family
Invocation.....Superintendent Robert Smith

The Written Word
Old Testament.....Dr. Emma Clark
New Testament.....Assistant Pastor Elvis Stevenson

Medley of Mother O'Neal Favorites.....Elder Justin Genevro
As I knew Her.....(two minute please)
Musical Selection.....The Knight Family
Acknowledgements & Resolutions.....Missionary Krishana Anderson
Musical Selection.....Deacon James Stevenson
Obituary.....Read Silently
Sermonic Selection.....Sister Dee Dee Marshal

The Spoken Word
Administrative Assistant Emeritus, Superintendent John A. Jennings

Closing Prayer.....Eulogist
Viewing.....Jones Mortuary Staff

Recessional

The Service Will Continue at Alta Mesa Memorial Park, Palo Alto California

REMEMBERING THE LIFE
OF A TRUE SERVANT OF THE LORD

Mother Lula Mae O'Neal

November 12, 1919 – March 19, 2018

QUIET HOUR
Wednesday, March 28, 2018 | 7:00 PM

JONES MORTUARY CHAPEL
660 Donohoe Street | East Palo Alto, California

HER LIFE...
A TESTIMONY OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

Mother "Mom" Lula Mae O'Neal, departed this life on March 19, 2018 at the Nazareth Vista Nursing Home in Belmont, California. She was born November 12, 1919 in Alabama to Solomon and Julia Knight. She was one of twelve siblings. Mother O'Neal married Dr. Ernest J. O'Neal on April 3, 1948 and eventually relocated to Redwood City, California. In 1955, Mother O' Neal and Dr. E.J. O'Neal founded the Little Flock Church of God in Christ Inc., in Redwood City, which yet exists today. She remained faithful to this ministry until her demise. She was a Pastor's Wife for an excess of 60 years and prominent known leader in her church organization. She is survived by her husband, Dr. E.J. O'Neal, the Knight & Gordon Family, a host of beloved grandchildren, great-grandchildren, host nieces and nephews, The Little Flock Church family, and California Northwest Jurisdiction and friends.

Funeral Arrangement Entrusted to:

Jones Mortuary, Inc.
660 Donohoe Street
East Palo Alto, California 94303
Ofc. 650-323-2481
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Sandra Jones-Spencer
Funeral Director, FDR 640

-THE QUIET HOUR-

Musical Prelude

Scripture Reading
(1 Corinthians 15: 51-58)

THE OFFICIAL HOMEGOING CELEBRATION:

Thursday, March 29th
11:00 AM

ST. JOHN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
1050 Bay Road
East Palo Alto, California

INTERMENT
Immediately Following
Homegoing Service:
ALTA MESA MEMORIAL PARK
695 *Arastradero* Road
Palo Alto, California

THANK YOU
for all kindness shown,
and for your most earnest prayers
for Dr. E.J. O'Neal & Family.

Dr. E.J. Ones → the Family of Mother Lula

Eld Hodge
McGlothen

Dr. Emma Ark
Nazareth Vista Nursing Home – Belmont

Sometimes a Quiet Hour
is a "Not so Quiet" hour

Reader → Prayer Ministry

Scripture
Prayer

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Benedict

Mo. Nancy Elgey
702-498-0872

Obituary

Nov. 1919

LULA MAE O'NEAL was born to Solomon Knight and Juliann Franklin Knight on January 12, ~~1924~~ in Monroe County, Alabama. She was one of 12 surviving siblings born to this union: Mandie, Isaiah, Mattie, Lillie, Marie, Clarence, Clara, Brady, Lula, Josephine, Earline, and Edward. All have preceded her in death. She was educated in a school house in Monroe County Alabama, where her family lived on a plantation.

Lula Mae began her Christian journey at a very early age, she remembers always stealing away to pray by herself as a young child. She received Jesus Christ as her Savior at the age of 12 years old during at a city wide revival in Mobile, AL. She later received the Holy Ghost on 11/27/1949 one Sunday Night at 111 Hazel St. Redwood City, California.

Lula Mae's sister Mattie suggested that she needed a boyfriend and they went looking to fix her up. It was during one of these excursions that she met Ernest J. O'Neal. They later married in Oakland, CA on December 4, 1948. She boldly and often gave thanks for her young husband who is currently 94 years old. They remained lovingly married for 69 years until her death departed them on March 19, 2018.

Lula Mae and Ernest J. O'Neal adopted Valerie Gordon (White) in 1952 when she was 7 years old, following the death of her grandmother Ollie Martha White, who had been raising her. Lula Mae raised her and loved her as if she were her own biological daughter. Valerie preceded her in death in 2016. They also were blessed to have spiritual daughter, Alice Marie Arnold, who became an integral part of their lives; Alice preceded her in death in 2014. Lula Mae was blessed with godchildren, Joyce Genevro, Chuckie Porter and Karen Williams.

Lula Mae, fondly known as "Mommy", "Doll", "Mom O'Neal", and "Grandma" by many. She is remembered by her husband, Dr. Ernest J. O'neal as "Mommy", a special First Lady to him who represented Little Flock Church of God in Christ beautifully for so many years. Lula Mae was also an excellent cook who baked cakes for every occasion and a capable seamstress, making outfits for special occasions and those in need.

Lula Mae, our First lady was a licensed Missionary and the greatest contribution to the ministry at Little Flock Church. She and Dr. E. J. O'Neal started Little Flock GOGIC in their home with seven neighborhood children in July 1955. With the leading of the Lord and the permission from the Bishop E.B. Stewart (Jurisdictional Bishop), Dr. E. J. O'Neal and the First Lady launched out to establish a mission for God. On September 29, 1955, the first Sunday School session was held in their home at 517 Warrington Ave, Redwood City, CA. The Lord's, favor smiled on Little Flock and God permitted Little Flock to march into their building on December 25, 1957 at 6.00 a.m. to hold our first service. She served in many capacities of ministry: Sunday School teacher and Superintendent for many years, children's ministry and Leader of the Sunshine Band, visiting sick and shut in, church van driver, the Mission Choir, transporting seniors (Tues,Wed,Thur) to grocery shopping errands and doctors appointments for 30 years until her health caused her to discontinue. She conducted noon day prayer for over fifty (55) years. Lula Mae baked birthday cakes or pies for each member to honor their special day.

Lula Mae worked tirelessly with the Brady Lee Martin Fundraiser started by her sister Mother Martin for more than 30 years making Tea Sandwiches for that function until the passing of Mother Martin in 1983.

Lula Mae received many awards and special honors at various seasons in her life which included honorary recognition by Mother Welch for the First Lady of the year honor. The other awards include Longest Lasting Missionary, Longest Lasting Contribution to the Jurisdiction, and one of the Longest Living Missionary awards.

Lula Mae and her sister Mattie were instrumental in starting a 4th Sunday fellowship with the Emmanuel Baptist Church pastored by her brother Clarence and the House of David COGIC pastored by her brother Edward beginning in the 1970s. Both churches took turns hosting the fellowship. This was a joyous effort to bring family together once a month in musical celebration, preaching, praising and feasting together. It was always a joy to watch Lula Mae beat the tambourine under the anointing and watch her siblings bring quartet singing to life.

After years of service through much prayer and fasting by Pastor & First Lady O'Neal, Pastor O'Neal retired from all Jurisdictional and National positions to concentrate on the Little Flock Church and the care of First Lady O'Neal.

Conversation with my Aunt Lula on 10/4/16 by M.Isom

How Do You Become a Good First Lady?

1. Keep your mouth shut.
2. When you are asked to speak or to say something, keep your testimony short.
3. Accumulate no special best friends so you will not be partial or political. Be friends with everyone.
4. Whatever you do, do it with pleasure. Do not volunteer.
5. Her Christian example came from her mother, Juliann. It was Juliann whom she acquired all the structure for Sunday School and the songs.
6. Her Mother, Juliann, was a praying mother who raised all praying daughters.
7. God called Lula Mae to noon day prayer during a prayer session that lasted 55 years.
8. The love for Sunday School came from her mother and God gave her the structure during prayer how to use it.

LULA MAE O'NEAL leaves to mourn her passing: son in law Pemberton Gordon Jr. (Valerie d,); Grandchildren: Douglass Johnson, Kelly Johnson, Alfred Johnson, Sterling Hunter, Monica Gordon, Loretta Gordon, Pemberton Gordon III, Keith Gordon, Michelle Gordon(Eric d.), Lapria Genevro, Whitney Genevro, Justin Genevro and great grandchildren. Nieces and Nephews: James Stevenson (Manteca,Ca), Juanita Hughes (Richmond,CA),Mary Thomas(San Jose,Ca) Elvin Stevenson (Modesto,Ca) Alonzo Knight (Sacramento,Ca) Drew Knight (Annette) (San Leandro,Ca) Terri Knight (Fairfield,Ca) Marion W. Isom(Tracy,Ca) Teresa Knight (Oakland,Ca) Beatrice Knight(Baton Rouge,La) Rosalyn Davis (LA) Christopher Oneal(Redwood City,Ca) Mabel C. Brown(Pensacola,Fl). Sister In Laws: Mrs. Clarence/Mattie Knight (Mobile,Al) Mrs. Edward/Mildred Knight (Oakland,Ca) Mrs. Christopher/Doris Jean Oneal. And a host of godchildren, relatives and friends.

Special Recognition

To a host of beloved spiritual sons and daughters who affectionately called First Lady O'Neal, "Mom" and" Grandma". Whom she loved and cherished as her own, who served tirelessly over the years at the Little Flock Church of God In Christ. Those who were constant visitors during her hospital stays. Those who helped and looked after Dr. E. J. O'Neal "Grandpa", in "Mom's stead, when she could not, your good works are recorded in heaven.

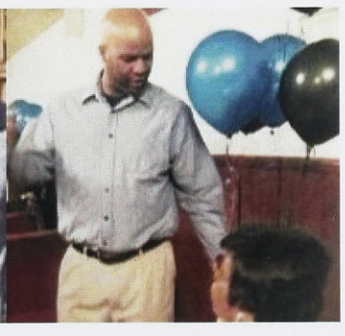
Historical Note

Lula Mae's Aunt, Vicky Johnson, sister of her mother Juliann passed away in Pensacola, Fl Sat.11/6/10 at the blessed age of 99. Living one year longer than Lula Mae.

Lula Mae's Favorites:

Scripture: "I will lift up my eyes to the hill"Psalms 121:1 "The Lord is my Shepherd" Psalms 23:1,"The Lord is my light and my salvation"Psalms 27:1 Songs: His Grace and Mercy, Amazing Grace, I won't Complain Color: Yellow Biblical Persons: Jesus, Joseph, Mary, Esther, Ruth

MEMORIES



Active Pallbearers

Keith Gordon, Pemberton Gordon III, Justin Genevro, James Stevenson,
Chuck Porter, Michael Higdon & Others

Honorary Pallbearers

Eric Gordon Sr., Pastor Rodney G. Odom, Pemberton Gordon Jr,

The Family Acknowledgments

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you had a floral piece, if so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as every friend would say. Perhaps you were not there at all but just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much, whatever the part you played, We Thank You. Special Thanks to St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Little Flock Church of God in Christ, California Northwest Jurisdiction and Central District.

The O'Neal and Knight Family

Interment

Alta Mesa Memorial Park
695 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto, California

Repast

For Family & Friends Immediately Following Interment
St John Missionary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

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